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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant has attached copies of the listed foreign patent documents. A copy of the listed U.S. patent document is not included. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The listed patent documents were cited in an Office Action dated April 26, 2007, from the Taiwanese Patent Office in a corresponding Taiwanese Patent Application. A

copy of the Office Action is also attached. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notice.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English documents, an English language version of the Office Action citing the listed documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

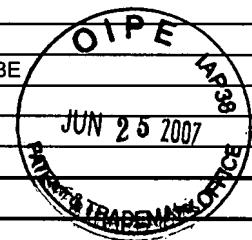
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